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SUBJECT: LOS: PORTUGUESE VIEWS

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, GOP'S ADVISOR ON LOS MATTERS AND MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE LOS DEL, MARIO RUIVO, EXPRESSED GUARDED OPTIMISM RE LOS CONFERENCE'S PROSPECTS FOR REACHING AGREEMENT DURING FORTHCOMING SESSION.

2. REGARDLESS OF CONFERENCE OUTCOME, RUIVO BELIEVES POST-CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW UP CONFERENCE RESULTS. MECHANISM RUIVO NOW HAS IN MIND IS UNGA COMMITTEE OF THEWHOLE. IF CONFERENCE AGREES ON LOS TEXT, COMMITTEE'S PRINCIPAL FUNCTION WOULD BE TO COORDINATE STATE ACTIONS PENDING CONVENTION'S ENTRY INTO FORCE. SHOULD LOS CONFERENCE FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT, NEED FOR SUCH A BODY IS EVEN MORE URGENT, IN RUIVO'S VIEW. IN LATTER CASE COMMITTEE WOULD BE TASKED WITH RECONCILING OPPOSING FORCES SO AS TO PREVENT UNRAVELING OF LOS CONFERENCE'S ACHIEVEMENTS; COMMITTEE WOULD ADDITIONALLY BE TASKED WITH SEEKING MEANS OF ACHIEVING EVENTUAL LOS AGREEMENT.
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3. RUIVO SAID HE BROACHED HIS IDEA TO SEVERAL DELS DURING RECENTLY CONCLUDED NEW YORK INTERSESSIONAL. AMONG DELS HE APPROACHED WERE U.S., NETHERLANDS, BRAZIL, ROMANIA, AND OTHERS. HE SAID HIS PROPOSAL ELICITED "SOME INTEREST" AMONG SEVERAL DELS.

4. COMMENT: RUIVO CAN BE EXPECTED TO PROMOTE HIS IDEA DURING FORTHCOMING LOS SESSION. THE MERITS OF HIS PROPOSAL ASIDE, RUIVO PROBABLY IS MOTIVATED ALSO BY SELF-INTEREST. AFTER SPENDING MANY YEARS AS INTERNATIONAL SERVANT (FAO), RUIVO RETURNED TO PORTUGAL FOLLOWING THE 1974 REVOLUTION, BECOMING FOREIGN MINISTER SHORT-LIVED PRO-COMMUNIST FIFTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (1975). ALTHOUGH RUIVO CLAIMS HE IS "COMMITTED TO PORTUGAL" FOR THE PRESENT, HE APPARENTLY HARBORS DESIRE TO RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL ARENA. RUIVO ALMOST CERTAINLY CONSIDERS HIMSELF AN EXCELLENT CHOICE TO FILL WHATEVER UN EXECUTIVE POSITION MIGHT BE CREATED TO IMPLEMENT HIS PROPOSAL FOR POST-CONFERENCE ACITIVITY.
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